

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1 through 3 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claim 4 to read, as follows.

Claims 1 through 3. **(Canceled)**

4. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus, comprising: apparatus  
according to Claim 1;  
an image bearing member including a surface layer;  
electrostatic image forming means for forming an electrostatic image on said  
surface layer;  
developing means, containing at least toner and a carrier, for developing the  
electrostatic image;  
density measuring means for measuring a density of the developed electrostatic  
image;  
layer thickness measuring means for measuring a thickness of said surface layer;  
and  
adjusting means for adjusting a toner content in said developing means,  
wherein said adjusting means adjusts the toner content on the basis of the thickness  
of said surface layer measured by said layer thickness measuring means,  
wherein said electrostatic image forming means includes means for electrically  
charging the surface layer,

wherein said layer thickness measuring means measures the thickness of the surface layer by measuring a current passing through said image bearing member via said electrostatic image forming means,

wherein the electrostatic image to be formed at the time of a toner content [[the]] adjustment is formed in a non-image area of said image bearing member and developed by said developing means which is supplied with a voltage so that a first voltage is applied to the non-image area and a second voltage is applied to an image forming area, and

wherein an amount of change in density of the developed electrostatic image to an amount of change in a [[the]] toner concentration at the time of applying the first voltage is larger than an amount of change in density of the developed electrostatic image to an amount of change in a [[the]] toner concentration at the time of applying the second voltage.